

**House File 6 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act to expand the criminal offense of and applicability  
2 of related penalties for sexual exploitation by a school  
3 employee to include all school district employees.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 709.15, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code  
2 2015, is amended to read as follows:

3 *f.* "School employee" means a any of the following:

4 (1) A practitioner as defined in section 272.1 ~~or a~~.

5 (2) A person issued a coaching authorization under section  
6 272.31, subsection 1.

7 (3) An individual employed by a school district, including a  
8 full-time, part-time, substitute, or contract employee.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill expands the Code provision that establishes the  
13 criminal offense of sexual exploitation by a school employee  
14 to include an individual employed by a school district,  
15 including a full-time, part-time, substitute, or contract  
16 employee. Currently, a school employee is defined to include  
17 any practitioner or coach who is licensed or authorized by the  
18 board of educational examiners. The current definition does  
19 not limit employment to a public or nonpublic school.

20 A person who commits sexual exploitation by a school  
21 employee in violation of Code section 709.15(3) commits either  
22 an aggravated misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement  
23 for no more than two years and a fine of at least \$625 but not  
24 more than \$6,250; or a class "D" felony, which is punishable by  
25 confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least  
26 \$750 but not more than \$7,500.